

Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management

Texas State Operations Center



Situation Awareness Brief



Saturday, March 16th 2019
As of 0900 CST

Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

| DATE | EVENT / INCIDENT | LOCATION (City/County) | Final Report: Y/N |
|----------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 03/15/19 | Preliminary Earthquake Report (M2.2), Northern Texas | Gregg County | Y |
| 03/16/19 | Initial Report of a Road Closure (US 77) | Victoria County | N |

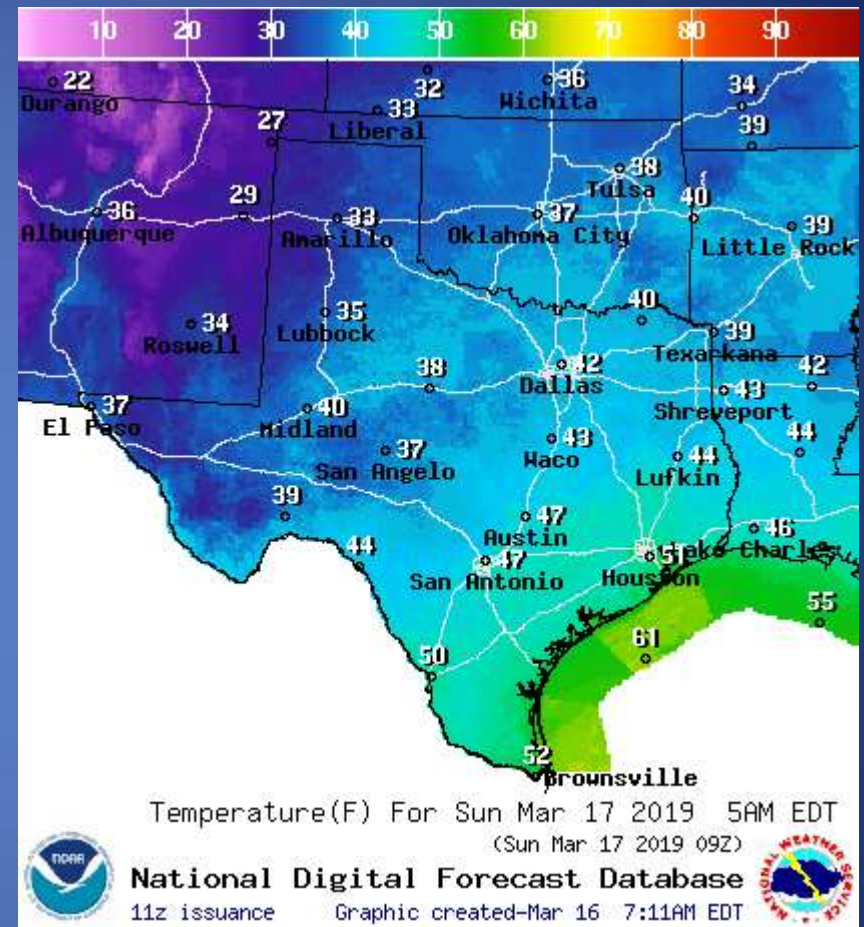
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| DATE | SUBJECT |
|----------|---|
| 031519 | NWS Midland - Damage Survey for 03/12/19 Tornadoes in Andrews and Scurry Counties |
| 03/16/19 | NWS Shreveport LA - Public Information Statement - Earthquake Reported in Gladewater, Texas on Friday Evening |
| 03/16/19 | Daily NWS Threat Brief for Saturday, March 16, 2019 for FEMA Region 6 |

Weather Forecast

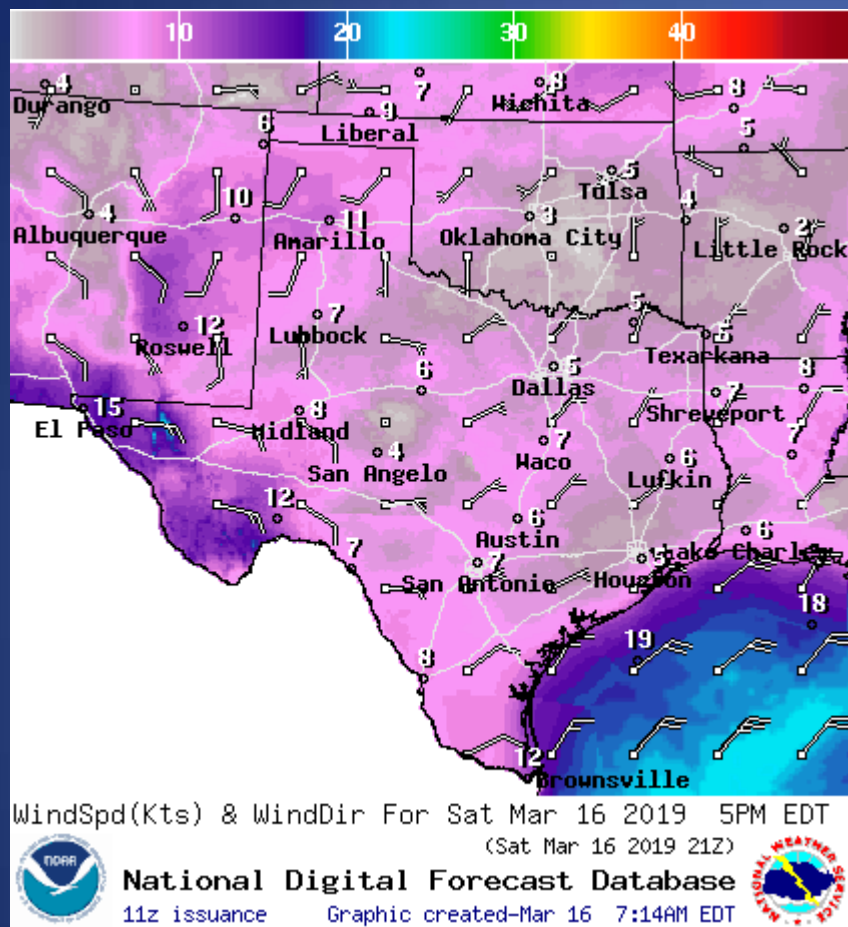


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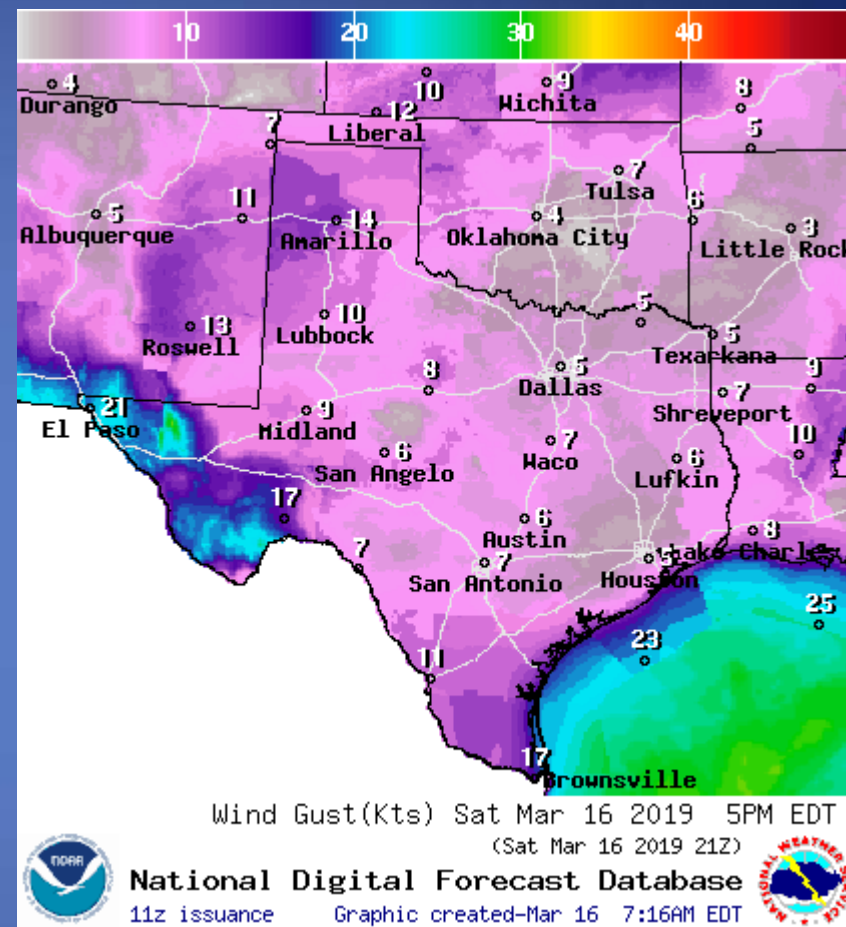


Lows

Weather Forecast



Wind Speeds



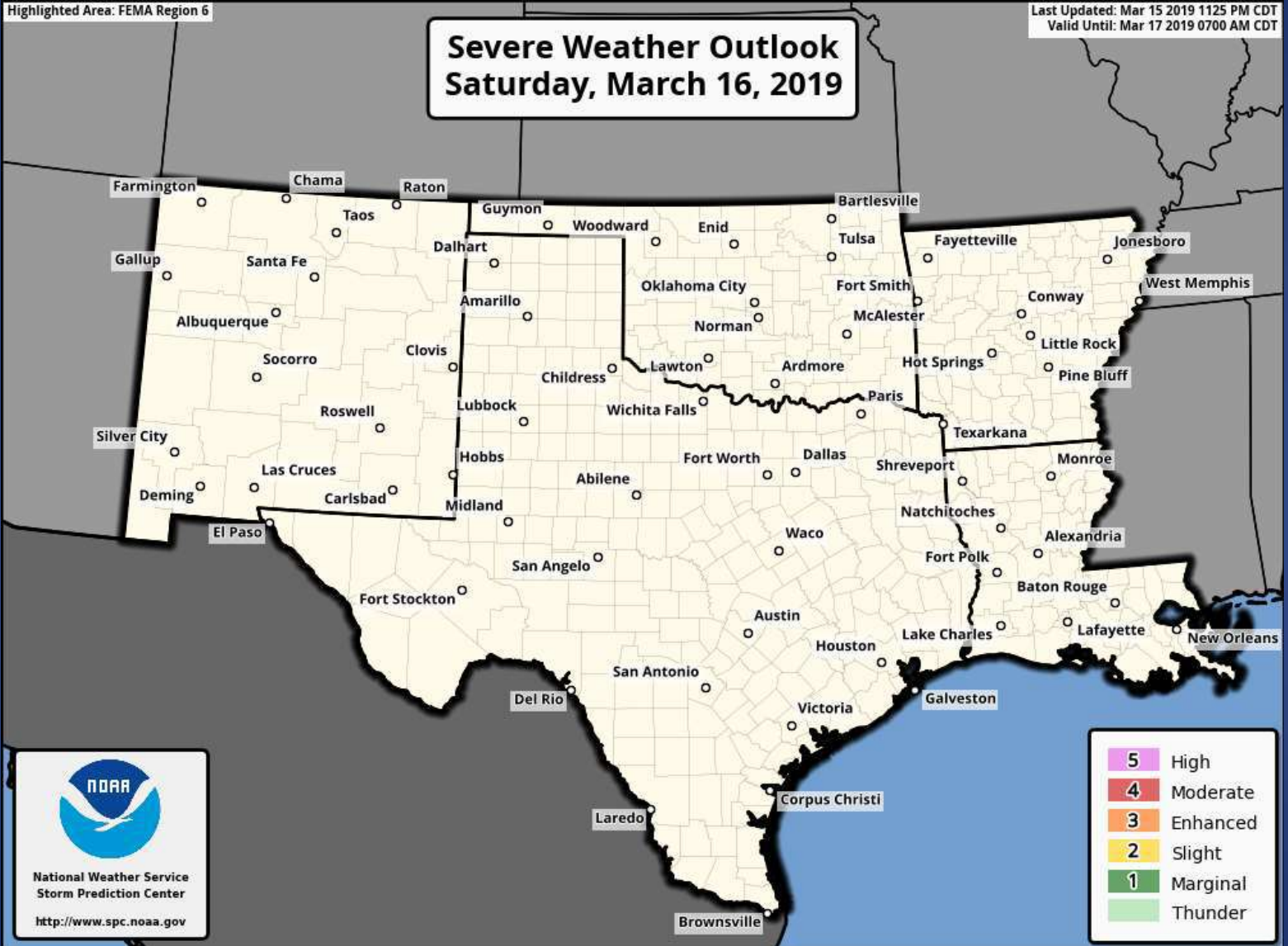
Gusts

Hazardous Weather

Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6

Last Updated: Mar 15 2019 1125 PM CDT
Valid Until: Mar 17 2019 0700 AM CDT

Severe Weather Outlook Saturday, March 16, 2019



Hazardous Weather

Coastal Flood Advisory

Tidal Overflow May Cause Minor Flooding Along the Coast

Weather Forecast Office
Brownsville/RGV, TX
Issued Mar 15, 2019 7:28 PM CDT



Coastal Flood Advisory

WHEN:

In effect Until 7 PM Saturday
Maximum inundation will occur within 2 hours
either side of high tide at 3:01 PM Saturday.

WHERE:

- Coastal Willacy County
- Coastal Cameron County
- Coastal Kenedy County

IMPACTS: Dangerous beach driving, poor walking conditions, generally a foot or less of water may flood beach chairs, umbrellas, tents, and trash cans at their usual locations.

Hazards

Coastal
Flood
Advisory

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Hazardous Weather

Dangerous Surf & Rip Currents

Surf Conditions May Be Life-Threatening

Weather Forecast Office
Brownsville/RGV, TX
Issued Mar 15, 2019 5:37 PM CDT



High Surf Advisory & Rip Current Statement

What: Life-threatening rip currents and high surf are expected and will lead to dangerous swimming conditions. Elevated waves of 6 feet or greater will persist.

When:

- Now through Saturday Evening

Where: Beaches of Coastal Cameron, Coastal Kenedy and Coastal Willacy Counties

Actions:

- Swim near a lifeguard.
- Stay in water knee deep or less.

If caught in a strong current...

- Yell for help.
- Do not exhaust yourself and stay afloat while waiting for help.
- If possible, swim parallel to shore and back toward the beach.

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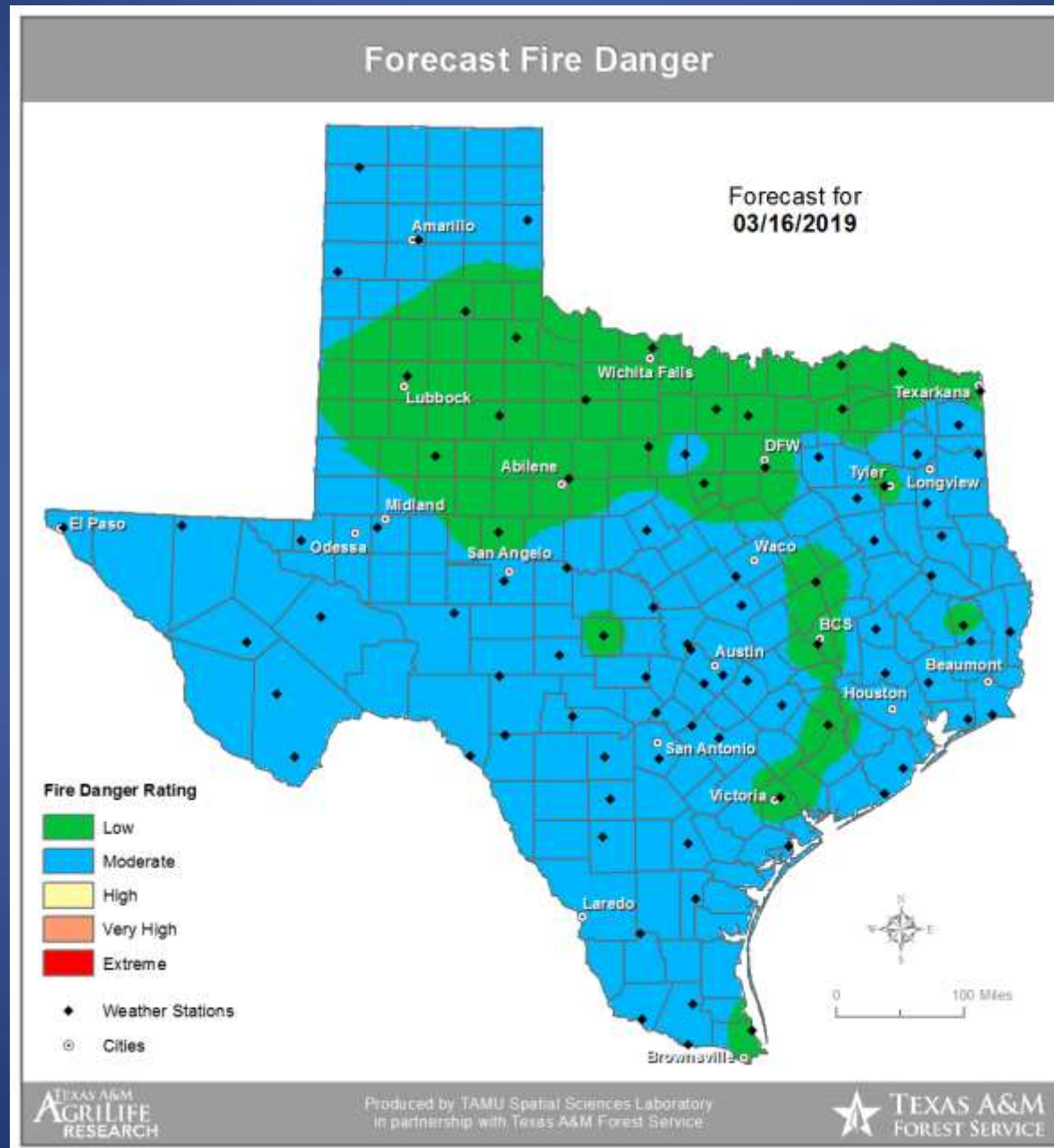
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Weather Warning/Advisories Issued

| DATE | WARNING TYPE | LOCATION |
|----------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 03/15/19 | Coastal Flood Advisory | Cameron, Kenedy, and Willacy Counties |

Fire Danger Forecast



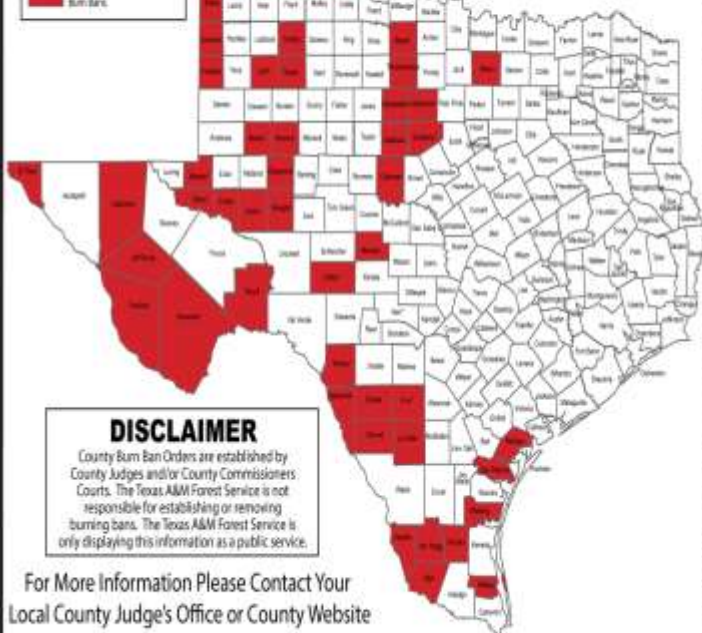
Burn Bans and KBDI INDEX

OUTDOOR BURN BANS

March 14, 2019



Email updates to:
burnban@tfs.tamu.edu



DISCLAIMER

County Burn Ban Orders are established by County Judges and/or County Commissioners Courts. The Texas A&M Forest Service is not responsible for establishing or removing burning bans. The Texas A&M Forest Service is only displaying this information as a public service.

For More Information Please Contact Your
Local County Judge's Office or County Website

RED FLAG WARNINGS: www.weather.gov

Burn Ban RSS feed available at <http://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/wildfires/BurnBan.xml>

Counties with Burn Bans: 60

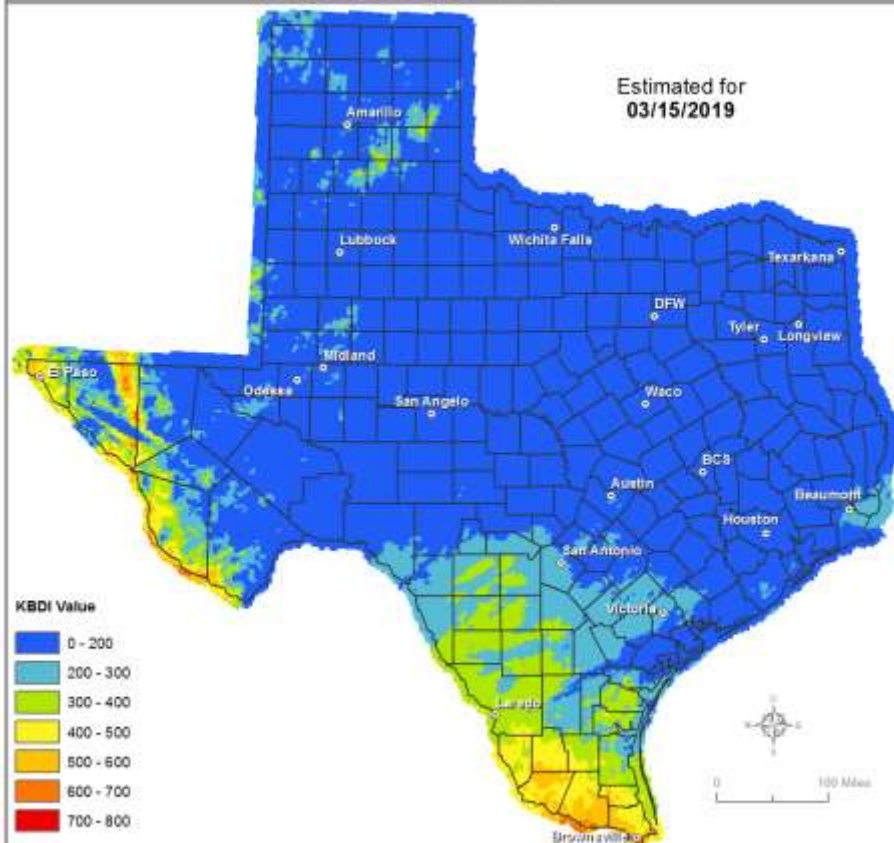
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* Burn Ban in effect during a Red Flag Warning day
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Keetch-Byram Drought Index

(4 km x 4 km resolution)

Estimated for
03/15/2019



KBDI Value

0 - 200
200 - 300
300 - 400
400 - 500
500 - 600
600 - 700
700 - 800

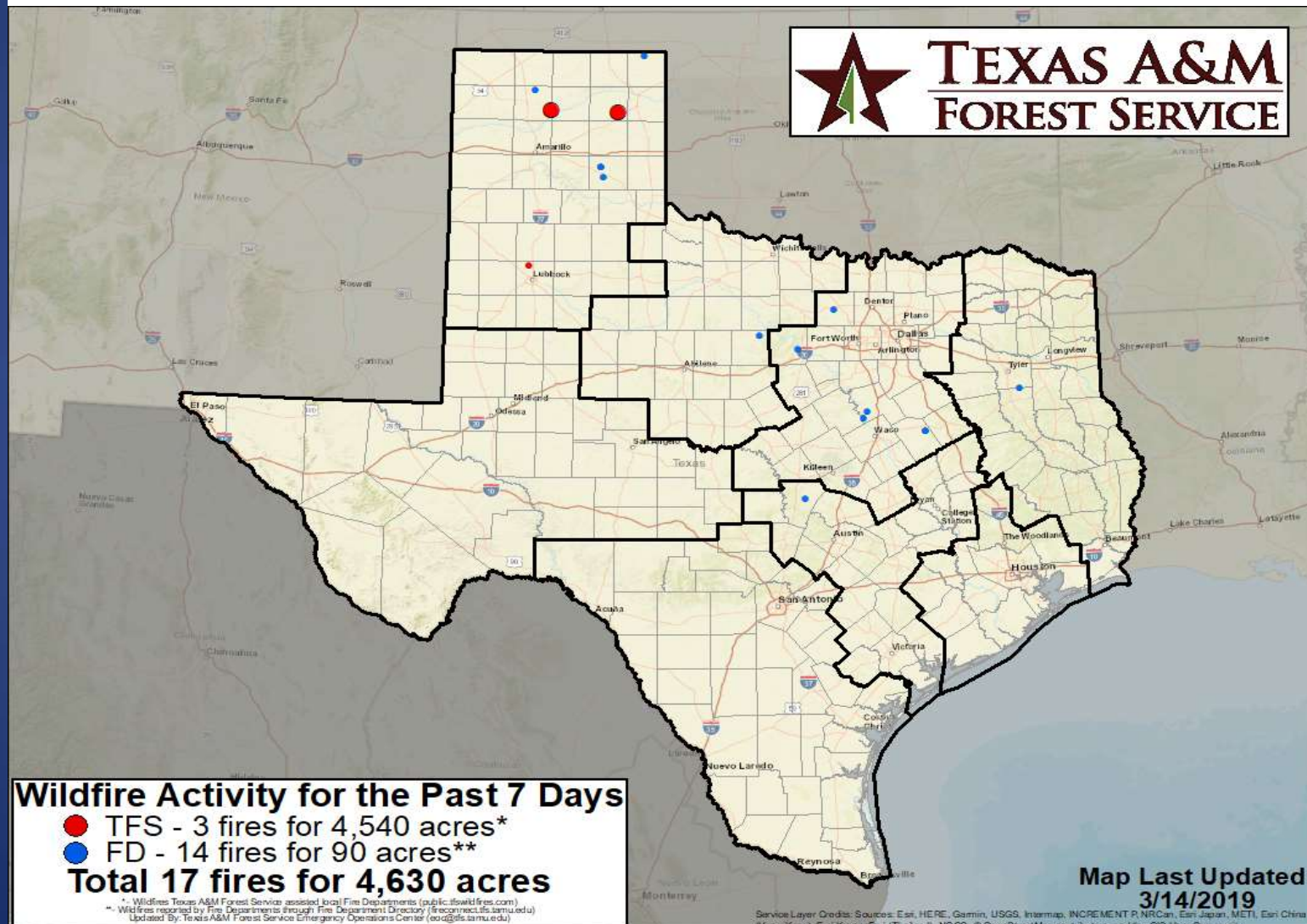
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FOREST SERVICE

Fire Activity (*Last 24 Hours)

Reports 26 (no change) fires and 15,965 (no change) acres destroyed this year. There are 60 (no change) counties with burn bans. The Keetch–Byram Drought Index list 6 (no change) counties with an average over 400.



Training

| DATES | | TITLE | COURSE | LOCATION |
|----------|----------|---|--------|----------|
| 03/06/19 | 05/01/19 | Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course | G-317 | Austin |

Statewide Significant Events

| DATE(S) | | LOCATION | EVENT |
|----------|----------|--------------------|--|
| 01/08/19 | 05/27/19 | Austin | 86 th Texas Legislature |
| 02/25/19 | 03/17/19 | Houston | Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo |
| 03/08/19 | 03/16/19 | Austin | Spring Festival Season (including SXSW) |
| 03/09/19 | 03/24/19 | South Padre Island | City of South Padre Island 2019 Spring Break |
| 03/16/19 | 03/30/19 | Austin | Austin Livestock Show and Rodeo |